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None to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. My last Friday's briefing session with the Latin American journalists developed into a lively discussion of the problems involved in the identification of Communists and Communist organizations. As it so often seems to happen, these people were considerably more sophisticated about the dangers of local Communist activities than I had been led to believe. They knew in fairly precise fashion how the local Communists had been attempting to exploit nationalism (which is the theme I had been asked to emphasize), and were primarily concerned with the process of distinguishing between a true nationalist organization gone astray and a Communist front organization. I feel that I was able to provide some insights which hadn't occurred to them previously. One provocative sidelight developed in the course of the discussion. A Cuban representative pressed me rather vigorously on the question of identifying Castro as a Communist, and since I didn't know the journalist's political affiliations I had to do some fancy double-talking and sidestepping, assuming that he represented the official Cuban press. At the conclusion of the session he apologized for cornering me - and then avowed his own belief that Castro was "A Communist SOB."

2. The tutorial for eleven Army officers on 28 -- 29 September turned out to be quite different from the recent session with the Panama-bound instructors, and restored at least some of our faith in the Army. These people were much more knowledgeable and experienced, and needed a current refresher rather than the basics which we had to give the first group. [REDACTED] has indicated that the Army has no additional teams earmarked for similar assignments in the near future so that no further requests can be expected during the next few months.

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3. Since [REDACTED] is now definitely out of the SIC Staff picture I have begun looking for an additional staff member. I have talked with a most promising young man from OCR, [REDACTED] protege who has expressed both the desire and the availability. Also, quite unexpectedly, [REDACTED] Staff has expressed a strong desire to join SIC and has indicated that he is free to move within the month. I'm now trying to check out his potential as an instructor in this field. In addition, I'm to talk tomorrow with a member of the [REDACTED] Staff who thinks he might like to have a rotational assignment with us.

4. For the record, the special CPO course for FDD, scheduled for 28 September - 16 October was postponed until next January. I felt that this was quite legitimate since the promised registration of fifteen had dwindled to eight.

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5. Tutorial Training:

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